

# NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

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### **National Pork Industry Foundation to Award Ten \$2,500 Scholarships Application Deadline January 3, 2022**

The National Pork Producers Council is pleased to announce the 2022 Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship, which is sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation and is managed and administered by the National Pork Producers Council.

The scholarship program was introduced in 1990 by CME Group and NPPC to celebrate the 25th anniversary of CME Hog Futures. The scholarship was renamed in 2006 to honor the passing of NPPC Board of Director Lois Britt. Britt, a lifetime supporter of agriculture, spent 34 years with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, finishing out her career for 15 years with Smithfield Hog Production doing Public and Government Relations. She was inducted into the NPPC Pork Industry Hall of Fame, the N.C. Pork Council Hall of Fame and awarded the N.C. 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award as some of her many achievements.

**Ten \$2,500 scholarships** are awarded to students annually who intend to pursue a career in the pork industry with hopes that they may emerge as future pork industry leaders themselves. In 2017, the National Pork Industry Foundation joined this effort as a sponsor of the Lois Britt Scholarship, increasing the number of scholarships presented from five to ten.

#### **To be eligible, applicants must:**

1. Be a current undergraduate student in a two-year swine program or four-year college of agriculture and U.S. citizen. High school students are not eligible.
2. Write a brief letter indicating what role the applicant sees themselves playing in the pork industry after graduation.
3. Submit an essay of 750 words or less describing an issue the applicant sees confronting the pork industry today or in the future, including offering their solutions.
4. Obtain two letters of reference from current or former professors or industry professionals.
5. Prepare a cover sheet with the following information:
  - a. Name of Applicant
  - b. Name of School
  - c. Year in School
  - d. Contact Information (home & school mailing address, telephone number & e-mail address)

Please submit the items listed above online or via e-mail to the address listed below. All entries must be **sent by JANUARY 3, 2022** to be accepted.

**Online Submissions:** [www.nppc.org/programs/scholarships](http://www.nppc.org/programs/scholarships)

**E-mail Submissions:** [info@nppc.org](mailto:info@nppc.org)

Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity and expression, persuasiveness, originality, and relevance of topic. Winners will be announced at the National Pork Industry Forum in Louisville, KY, March 9-11, 2022. NPPC and CME Group reserve the right to publish any or all parts the essays submitted. Please contact Rebecca Casey, NPPC Director of Industry Resource Development, with questions about the scholarship at (515) 645.9659 or [caseyr@nppc.org](mailto:caseyr@nppc.org)

*The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is grassroots, incorporated, nonprofit organization established in 1961. NPPA was developed to promote the pork industry through the enhancement of consumer demand, producer education and research. For more information, visit NPPA's website at [www.NEpork.org](http://www.NEpork.org).*